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WHOLE NO. 1494

Independent Telephone Association Holds Meeting

Elect Officers for Year 1910---Property is in Splendid Condition and Business Increasing Rapidly.

C. C. Jones.....President
Dick Collins.....Secretary
W. O. Bailey.....Treasurer
Directors—A. J. Mann, G. F. McCracken, Dick Collins, G. F. Plaxco, T. J. Gentry, C. C. Jones.

One of the most interesting and largest attended business meetings in the history of the Decatur Independent Telephone Association was the annual meeting held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the county court room. President Jones called the meeting to order and in a splendid talk reviewed the association's work for the year 1909. This system of telephone is probably the best in this part of Texas, and from a small outlay it has grown to be reckoned as one of the giant institutions of the commercial life in Wise county. Rapid and far-reaching strides have been made during the past two years, and this success is the result of the splendid and untiring efforts of C. C. Jones, and the members at the meeting Monday re-elected him president for another term. The retiring secretary, Postmaster Tom Ball, returned a good report, and Treasurer Bailey showed a healthy balance of cash on hand. It was a big meeting and harmony marked the proceedings.

ALVORD

Jan. 5—Following is a list of some of Alvord's Christmas visitors: Minnie Mitchum and family, Chester Percell and family, of Burkburnett; W. W. Ard and family, J. S. Gettys, of Frederick, Okla.; Clay Brite and family of Bridgeport; R. P. Webb, son and daughter, Luther and Lillian, of Wichita Falls; Tom Ayers and sister, Marguerite, of Bowie; Will Wright and family of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Archer of Bowie; A. W. Reynolds and family of Comanche; Obe Downing and family of Texline; Miss May Caskey of Graham; Mr. and Mrs. Hays of Cisco; Miss Alice Mason of Henrietta; Lee Slaton and family of Memphis; A. J. Mann and daughter, Berch of Decatur; Stanley Hamlett and wife of Ft. Worth; Will Boone and family of Byers; Miss Sullivan of Chico; Mr. Murray of Waxahachie; Jap Benson of Throckmorton; Horace Bishop of Bowie; Edd and Caprice Hatchett, Neal Walker, Frostie Hambric, Will Matthews, Ode Leslie, Robert House, Miss Berta and Tom Sparkman were home from college. Miss Alma and Albert Jacobs and Miss Beulah Hollabaugh were home from Sunset.

Rufus Boone had the misfortune of getting hit in the eye with a shot from a roman candle, which will probably result in the loss of sight in that eye.

Claud Redwine last week had his arm crushed by a wagon running over it.

While running a calf, W. W. Hanna was caught by a loose wire and thrown from his horse. He received a severe cut in the throat, but is able to be out again.

Mrs. A. J. Henderson, who has been a patient sufferer for some time, died at her home Sunday morning. The remains were laid to rest in Cottonwood cemetery Monday.

Mr. Walker, our lumber man, was called to the funeral of his mother, who died suddenly of paralysis.

Tom Foster and wife have moved to Oklahoma City. Mr. and Mrs. Gault of Clossbyton, have moved to the property vacated by Mr. Foster.

J. E. Davis has sold the Southwestern telephone exchange to Mr. Gault.

Miss Willie Proctor, who is teaching at Seymour, was here last week.

Mrs. Velma Martin has returned to Dixie, Okla.

Rufus Riley and wife have moved to Chico.

Mrs. Baynham and daughter are spending a few days with Mrs. Bert Brite. They are moving from Jacksboro to Nocona.

Charles Reno and Miss Minnie Cooper were married Sunday afternoon at the home of the bride.

Jim Thomas and Arthur Hanna are in Burkburnett this week.

Mrs. W. M. Wright, accompanied by Mrs. J. B. Thomas, returned on Tuesday to her home in Abilene.

Charlton Stanfield, of Sunset, was on our streets Tuesday.

Messrs. Dunlavy and Wheeler and Misses Shug Mills and Edith Gill were Ft. Worth visitors Sunday.

Miss Lucile Pior, of Slidell, is visiting in Alvord.

Mrs. Laura Jackson spent the holidays in Dallas.

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Alvord is becoming noted for its mineral water and other resources, and people are moving here from all parts of the world.

Too Much Face

You feel as if you had one face too many when you have neuralgia don't you? Save the face, you may need it; but get rid of the neuralgia by applying Ballard's Snow Liniment. Finest thing in the world for rheumatism, neuralgia, burns, cuts, scalds, lame back and all pains. Sold by Man & Simmons.

PRESKITT

Jan. 3.—Mr. Caruthers and family, of Bridgeport, visited J. W. Haynes during the holidays.

Miss Arizona and Henry Ware were in Bridgeport Wednesday.

Miss Bessie Ray who accompanied Mrs. Lee Baker home to spend Christmas was called home on account of the death of her sister, Mrs. Dick Reeves.

Mrs. Jim Ware has been quite sick. Mrs. Baker returned and opened school Monday.

Volnar Ray and wife, of Ft. Worth, attended the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Reeves.

A. Devereux and family visited Ira Stepp's during the holidays.

The Meanest Man in Town

is the one who always wears a frown, is cross and disagreeable, and is short and sharp in his answers. Nine cases out of ten it's not the poor fellow's fault, it's his liver and digestion that make him feel so miserable, he can't help being disagreeable. Are you in danger of getting into that condition? Then start at once taking Ballard's Herbine for your liver—the safe, sure and reliable vegetable regulator. Sold by Man & Simmons.

He Walked Across a Field.

Early Methodist preachers had reason to deplore the power of the all mighty landlord. Charles Wesley himself suffered, for he was summoned and fined \$10 (\$50) and heavy costs not for firing ricks or uprooting hedges, but for walking across a field to address an audience. Here is the record: "Goter versus Wesley: damages, \$10; costs taxed, \$9 16s. 8d, July 29, 1739. Received of Mr. Wesley, \$19 16s. 8d. for damages and costs in their cause. William Gason, attorney for the plaintiff."

Caught in the Rain

then a cold and a cough—let it run—on get pneumonia or consumption that's all. No matter how you get your cough don't neglect it—take Ballard's Horehound Syrup and you'll be over it in no time. The sure cure for coughs, colds, bronchitis and all pulmonary diseases in young and old. Sold by Man & Simmons.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy never disappoints those who use it for obstinate coughs, colds and irritations of the throat and lungs. It stands unrivalled as a remedy for all throat and lung diseases. Sold by City Drug Store—Man & Simmons.

PARADISE

Jan. 4—Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Atkins entertained a crowd of young people at their home Xmas night.

Miss Annie Morris, who is teaching school at Pilot Point, spent Christmas with homefolks.

Miss Bessie Austin has returned from spending the holidays with her parents at Greenwood.

P. M. Faulkner spent last week with homefolks near Alvord.

Miss Clara Atkins spent Christmas with homefolks here.

The Know-Nothing club entertained a large crowd at the school building new year's night.

Miss Towers, of Dallas, is here visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gibbon, of Montague county, are here visiting Mrs. Gibbon's parents.

Mrs. Dave Riley spent last week in Decatur with her mother, Mrs. Lindley.

Prof. A. E. Clark has returned from his visit to Oklahoma.

Joe Stutt and Clarence Barnett were in Decatur Monday on business.

Mrs. J. Z. Carter and little son, Weldon, spent the holidays with her parents in Alvord.

E. A. Carlock, editor of the Paducah Post, spent last week with his parents here.

Mrs. Rob't Stutt and son, Kit, spent new years with relatives in Chico.

Miss Effie Atkins has returned to school at Denton.

Wilmer McAfee and family of Ft. Worth are here visiting relatives.

Alf Brown is quite sick with pneumonia.

Saved at Death's Door

The door of death seemed ready to open for Murray W. Ayers, of Transit Bridge, N. Y., when his life was wonderfully saved. "I was in a dreadful condition, he writes, 'my skin was almost yellow; eyes sunken; tongue coated; emaciated from losing 40 pounds, growing weaker daily. Virulent liver trouble pulling me down to death in spite of doctors. Then that matchless medicine—Electric Bitters—cured me. I regained the 40 pounds lost and now am well and strong.' For all stomach, liver and kidney troubles they're supreme. 50c at Man & Simmons.

GREENWOOD

Jan. 5—Presiding Elder L. S. Barton held quarterly conference here Saturday. On Sunday he preached two fine sermons on the "Mode of Baptism."

Miss Bethel Waide returned to school at Denton this week.

Jiles Lloyd leaves soon for Dallas to attend a barber college.

Taylor and Allan Brown have returned to Weatherford after a two-weeks' visit to their parents here.

Doss Pruner and family, of Bowie, were the guests of T. F. Brownfield and family last week.

Louis Smith and family, of Sayre, Okla., visited relatives here recently.

Mrs. M. C. Canfield, of Wilport, Ark., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, during Xmas.

Mrs. Warden Reasor, of Dean, was here last week.

Kay Campbell, of Canadian, was here the past week. Under Garret was here the past week.

Jake Mosier, of Ft. Worth, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pauls Valle, she whispered, her heart.

Geo. Riley, the lovelight in his eyes as vord recent into the seat beside her. Ryne.

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Misses Oma Cam Daniel, Millie Hall family, of Ar and family, of P. E. Wade and a, were here dur- J. P. Pullingim

Home Protective Assn. Number 1 Has Gathering

Interesting Meeting Held Monday---Number of Members and Reserve Fund Creates Discussion.

W. H. Bullock.....President
A. P. Hayes.....Vice President
Secretary and Treasurer to be elected by members at next Monday night's meeting. All members of the Association requested to be present.
Directors—A. J. Mann, J. C. Dunaway, Marvin Smith, A. P. Hayes, W. H. Bullock.

The Wise County Home Protective Association No. 1, held its annual meeting last Monday afternoon in the district court room. What the meeting lacked in attendance was amply supplied in interest. It seems that there is a large and decidedly healthy opposition to the plan of increasing the Association's membership above 1200, and the idea of building up a reserve fund does not meet with the approval of all members was evidenced by the gentlemen present from Bridgeport, Alvord and Boonsville.

Next Monday night a secretary and a treasurer will be elected. The duty of filling these two offices is left to the members of the Association, and all members are requested to be present. The office of secretary is a most important one, and it is to the interest of each member to see that the place goes to the right man; some fellow who is painstaking and careful in the discharge of his duties—a business man who can attend to the business. The retiring secretary, Mr. J. E. Boyd, has made a good secretary, and Treasurer Rush, at the First National bank, has looked after the funds in his usual splendid manner. The Association is in a prosperous condition.

and Alice McCormack have returned to their schools after spending the holidays at home.

Miss Mollie Maley is visiting relatives in Oklahoma.

Bridge and Miss Myrtle Maley visited their grandmother in Montague county last week.

Jim Riley is serving on the grand jury at Decatur this week.

A Wretched Mistake

to endure the itching, painful distress of piles. There's no need to listen: I suffered much from piles," writes Will A. Marsh, of Siler City, N. C., "till I got a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve and was soon cured." Burns, boils, ulcers, fever sores, eczema, cuts, chapped hands, chilblains, vanish before it. 25c at Man & Simmons.

CRAFTON

Jan. 4—Cotton picking is \$2 a hundred, the highest price ever paid here.

J. J. Dickey and Frank Higgs are at Decatur this week on the jury.

E. E. Johns and family have returned home from a visit to Scurry county.

Ucle Henry Wells is again a citizen of Crafton.

Joe Chipman has been appointed deputy sheriff, and we feel sure that he will make a good officer.

John Hiler walked from Oklahoma during the snow and got his toes frost-bitten so badly that it is thought his foot will have to be amputated.

Mr. and Mrs. Hart, of Newport, visited Andy Shook Saturday and Sunday.

C. J. McClure has moved on the Meadows farm in Jack county.

After a vacation of ten days Dr. Hunt returned Sunday to the medical college at Ft. Worth.

Geo. Warren moves this week to his father's farm in Morris county.

Paul Jones and wife, of Chico, visited at Decatur last week.

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BOYD

Jan. 5—Miss Myrtle McCracken, of Springtown, is visiting in Boyd this week.

W. S. Zorns, who is teaching in Parker county, has been at home.

Bart Nelson and wife of Randlett, Okla., are visiting the family of Ben Martin near Garvin.

A. A. Green and wife are visiting in Oklahoma.

Eld. A. W. Young of East Texas, preached at the Baptist church Tuesday night for the Christian brethren.

H. T. Lefors and wife returned to their home at Venus Tuesday, after a visit to relatives near town.

Miss Ida Mitchell visited her home in Gainesville last week.

Dave Jones and wife of Duke, Okla., have been visiting relatives near here.

Mrs. Evans was in Paradise last week.

J. T. Brawley was in Ft. Worth Tuesday.

Miss Mae Otis returned this week from a visit to Rhine, Okla.

H. C. Zorns has returned to Post City after a visit here.

Misses Annie Philipps, Lillie Pope, Ethel Wagley and Lillian Riskman, of Denton Normal, spent the holidays at their homes here.

Miss Alma Adams, of Opal, has returned to school at Chickasha.

Claud Bradford and family of Opal, have moved to Randlett, Okla.

Lawrence Goodger, Misses Beulah Goodger, Lizzie Paschall, Nell Ward and Bell Paschall visited Paradise last week.

J. V. Patterson and wife returned to their home in Comanche, Okla., after a visit here.

Miss Mamie Woodruff, of Randlett, Okla., has been visiting here.

Among Boyd's holiday visitors were: Geo. Hughes of Ryan, Okla., Will Martin and wife, Clyde Harrington, Mrs. Will Beam of Tom the, Joe Glover and wife. Well kidneys excrete a clear, amber fluid. Sick kidneys send out a thin, pale and foamy, or a thick, red, ill-smelling urine, full of sediments and irregular of passage.

Danger Signal No. 2 comes from the back. Back pains, dull and heavy or sharp and acute, tell you of sick kidneys and warn you of the approach of dropsy, diabetes and Bright's disease. Doan's Kidney Pills cure sick kidneys and cure them permanently. Here's Decatur proof:

C. D. Cates, 2 miles northeast Decatur, Texas, says: "About a year ago I was suffering from an attack of kidney trouble, the greatest annoyance being from too frequent passages of the kidney secretions. A friend advised me to try Doan's Kidney Pills and I procured a box from C. B. Gunn's drug store. They helped me so greatly that I procured more and took in all the contents of about five boxes. By the end of that time my condition was much better. I have no hesitation in recommending the remedy which brought about this benefit."

For sale by all dealers Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other

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DECATUR, TEXAS

EYE BAROMETER OF HEALTH

Its Appearance an Infallible Indication of Body's Physical Condition.

There is no surer giveaway of age or indicator of ill health than the eye. Many a woman who has a soul above reproach has eyes that show her body to be all wrong.

If one is fatigued, is over-fond of eating, is a night owl, or is overstrained, the eye will be dull, heavy and lifeless. Above all, the eye is the sign of physical upheavals.

When the eye is not bright and clear, especially if it looks puffy or has that "sick look," keep a sharp watch for your health. It may be only biliousness, but it may also be kidney trouble or internal disarrangement. Whatever the cause, it is time to discover it.

There is a far wiser plan than to take anything to keep the eyes bright. There are women so foolish as to eat arsenic under the impression that it will brighten their eyes. It will also ruin their nerves, weaken their heart any may eventually mean invalidism for life.

Even more foolish is it to put drops in the eyes to give them brightness. Never use anything in the eye without consulting an oculist.

Should the eyes feel heavy they may often be freshened by bathing with weak salt water, either hot or cold. This can do no harm, and by relieving strained conditions will frequently improve the luster.

Had a Right to "Butt In."

To a New York restaurant, which has a large barroom annex, a number of men came regularly to watch the ticker. The first arrival, and the one who remains until the last quotation has been recorded, is, according to the story of the manager of the place, a "financial has-been." He usually takes the place where he can see the reports as they are told off on the tape first, and often delivers long dissertations on "the market," but those who know him believe that he never deals in a share of stock. One day last week the crowd was unusually large, when a stranger to the regulars made unsuccessful endeavors to see the tape. The intrusion was resented by the man, who said something about "pikers butting in," which he regretted a few moments later, when it was discovered that the intruder was the proprietor, and now the part of "wise man" in that body of stock speculators is vacant.

Golden Eagle in Songster Class.

Chris Wittmeyer from Goodrich was arrested Monday for killing a golden eagle and was fined \$10 and \$5, says a Bismarck correspondent of the St. Paul Dispatch. Wittmeyer and a party of hunters had been in the vicinity of Twin lakes hunting geese, and while on their way home sighted the golden eagle, which is a rare bird in this part of the country, and shot it and sent it to Mandan to have it mounted.

One section of the game law provides that all harmless birds must be protected, and the golden eagle comes under this head. The present game and fish commission has made a strict stand for the enforcement of the law, and there has been less unlawful shooting this year than at any time in the past.

Foreigners Buy Canadian Land.

Recently the Canadian government offered 1,116,000 acres of public land for sale at Fort Gray, adjoining Vancouver, and buyers from all parts of the Dominion flocked to the sale, with persons from the United States and representatives of foreign capitalists making a \$400,000.

SUMMARY OF THE WEEK

A RESUME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT NEWS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

ITEMS FOR BUSINESS PEOPLE

A Carefully Digested and Condensed Compilation of Current News Domestic and Foreign.

The convention called for next spring by the conservation and reclamation committee now in session at Austin will be held in Fort Worth April 5.

A train of forty-one cars arrived in Ft. Worth Wednesday, loaded solidly with automobiles for Texas points. The train will go from here to Dallas.

The railroads of the United States constructed a total of 3,748 miles of new lines during the present year, which is an increase of 534 miles when compared with the previous year.

One man is thought to be dead as the result of a terrific explosion which occurred Tuesday in one of the Bolen-Darnall Company' mines in the northern portion of McAlester, Okla.

The whole Turkish Cabinet in Constantinople resigned Tuesday, following the resignation of Himi Pasha, the Grand Vizier, who withdrew from the ministry earlier in the day.

The best hogs sold at \$8.60 per 100 pounds at the Kansas City Stock Yards Tuesday. This is the highest price paid here in the last twenty-seven years.

Zelaya claims that he never signed an order for the execution of Cannon and Groce. He added that it was true he refused to interfere with the carrying out of the sentence of the court-martial.

The hegira of 1909 from the United States to Canada has taken \$100,000,000 of wealth across the Dominion line, according to a summary completed for the year.

Neon, a newly discovered gas, is the cause of the aurora borealis, according to a statement made by Dr. W. L. Dudley, head of the department of chemistry at Vanderbilt University, at Nashville, Tenn.

An epidemic of typhoid fever, with which the city of Montreal has contended for four months, is becoming worse, and the hospitals are so crowded that patients are refused admission at many of them.

Beginning with Jan. 1 all railroads entering Arkansas, under a law passed by the last Legislature, will be compelled to provide hospital accommodation in this state for persons injured on their respective lines.

Nearly all of the big coal companies in Chicago have served written notice upon the officials of the coal-carrying roads that any confiscation of coal that results in damage to a consumer will be severely punished, provided the law will reach the case.

Only a technicality now stands between Charles W. Morse of New York, banker and one-time ice king, and the fifteen-year sentence in the Federal prison at Atlanta. Judge Hough, in the United States Circuit Court, Wednesday denied his motion for a new trial, but close upon the heels of the decision, Martin W. Littleton, his counsel, announced that

President Madriz of Nicaragua has sent \$20,000 in gold to aid in the work of the Red Cross among the prisoners of war at Bluefields.

The wholesale grocery, liquor, cigar and tobacco trade of Dallas for 1909 totaled about \$14,000,000. There was a gain during the year of half a million dollars.

Fire Sunday destroyed the Majestic Theatre, the postoffice and all but one of twenty-six business houses in the little hamlet of Alma, a few miles from Sugolk, Va. The total loss is estimated at \$115,000.

During the year just closed the receipts at the Shreveport, La., post-office amounted to \$106,701.89, which is an increase of \$4,721.89 over the year 1908, when the total receipts amounted to \$101,980.

Martin C. Abernathy died at Graham Saturday. He was 88 years of age. He was a Mexican War veteran, having enlisted at Pulaski, Tenn. He was engaged in the battles of Vera Cruz and Cerro Gordo.

Madison Square Garden, New York, designed by the late Stanford White and erected at a cost of \$3,000,000, has been sold to a real estate syndicate and will be torn down and replaced by a modern office building.

Since Gov. Campbell has pardoned Guadalupe Grimsinger, there remains but one white woman in the Texas penitentiary—Mrs. Pearle Goode, given twenty-five years for murder in the second degree, from McLennan county.

In an unsuccessful attempt to rob the State Bank of Harrah, Okla., early Friday morning two men were killed and one seriously wounded by the officers who had been informed and were in waiting. Two of the gang escaped.

Struck by an incoming passenger train on the Katy in Dallas Sunday, the 5-year-old son of John T. Hightower was probably fatally injured. In the effort to save the child Mrs. Hightower was struck and badly bruised.

Search Sunday of the wreckage of cars on the California special on the Rock Island derailed and burned near Trenton, Mo., Saturday, revealed no further trace of bodies, and officials have definitely placed the number of dead at three.

Belated Christmas packages and other valuable express shipments in large numbers went up in smoke Friday in a fire which destroyed the American Express Company's office and storerooms in New York, causing a loss estimated at \$500,000.

President Madriz, of Nicaragua, has sent a message to ex-President Zelaya replying to the latter's cablegram begging that Joaquin Passos, his son-in-law, be liberated. Passos is now in the hands of the authorities on the charge of misappropriation of funds. Madriz in his message informs Zelaya that skeleton treasury bills to a large amount were found in the possession of Passos, which he intended to have signed privately.

Frank Leber, aged twenty-eight, and Theresa Craig, aged twenty-five, are dead, and Mrs. Sarah Cole is probably fatally burned, as a result of a fire in a rooming house in Buffalo, N. Y., late Saturday night.

Two fatal accidents occurred in San Antonio Thursday. Edwin Beck, two years old, was killed by the limb of a tree falling on him. The second accident occurred when Harry Baker, elevator boy at the St. James Hotel, fell through the elevator shaft on the fourth floor. When picked up he was dead.

A 3-year-old child of Ft. Worth, who received a fatal injury, was found by a little girl who was playing in a nearby field.

The output of the American from Death at the Hands of Mob.

John Lover, the wild animal expert of the Philadelphia Zoo, was talking about big game hunting in Uganda.

"You must be quick," Mr. Lover ended. "You must be as quick as a cousin of mine once was in Whitechapel."

"It was Jack the Ripper time. Do you remember that terrible time? All Whitechapel, all the world, was on edge."

"My cousin, looking for excitement, wandered one night through the darkest and dimmest alleys and courts of the Whitechapel slums, and all of a sudden a woman blocked his way."

"Give me your money, all of it," she said, "or I'll scream out that you're Jack the Ripper. If this crowd gets at you then—"

"My cousin was always phenomenally quick. He took the woman's arm

GREAT LOVE STORIES OF HISTORY

By ALBERT PAYSON TERHUNE

Henry of Navarre and Marguerite of Valois

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Two young people stood before the altar facing the archbishop of Paris one day in August, 1572. The girl was slender and beautiful. The man was tall, dark, homely, with a great hooked beak of a nose. The young couple were both under 20. All the nobility of France had flocked to Paris to witness their marriage. Yet, now that the two faced the archbishop, there was a most amazing hitch in the ceremonies.

The bride refused to make her responses! The bridegroom (Henry, king of the subsidiary province of Navarre) answered "I do" to the archbishop's query as to whether he would take Princess Marguerite de Valois as his wife. But when the same question was put to Marguerite she refused to reply. The spectators whispered excitedly. There was an awkward pause. Then a pale, wild-eyed man, gaudily dressed, stepped forward, caught Marguerite's head roughly between his hands and bent it forward by force into a nod of assent. The man who thus overcame the bride's obstinacy was her brother, the half-crazy Charles IX., king of France.

The foregoing scene is scarcely a promising opening for a "love" story and needs some explanation. France for years had been rent by quarrels between two great factions, the Huguenots (Protestants) and Catholics. The dispute was political, rather than religious, and led to a long series of wars. Catherine de Medici, mother of Charles IX. and Marguerite de Valois, hated the Huguenots and made the following plan for their destruction: She arranged a marriage between Henry, king of Navarre (leader of the Huguenots) and her daughter Marguerite. All the Huguenot leaders were invited to Paris for the ceremony. While they were there a wholesale massacre was to take place on St. Bartholomew's day, and no Huguenot to be left alive.

Marguerite was as clever as she was beautiful. She did not relish the idea of being made a pawn in this game of murder. Hence her refusal to make the marriage responses. Yet, when the wedding was actually over, she did all in her power to save her young husband from the fate decreed for him. So successful was she that in spite of Catherine's plots Henry was not killed in the ensuing "Massacre of St. Bartholomew." But thousands of his fellow Huguenots were slaughtered in cold blood and his own life hung by a thread. To Marguerite's tact and the frequent warnings she gave him he owed his safety. That the strangely mated couple grew to care very much for each other, in their own free-and-easy way, is certain. Though it was not the sort of love that endured, yet while it lasted both Henry and Marguerite were the gainers. By saving Henry from death his wife changed the whole history of France. For he was destined to become that country's greatest king. Incidentally, she won for herself the title of "Queen of Navarre" and ruled a gay court of her own in her husband's little kingdom. Henry was exiled from Paris. Marguerite, against her family's wish, insisted on following him to Navarre. There the two planned a series of diplomatic master-strokes that strengthened the Huguenot cause and made Henry's name famous throughout France.

Years passed by and the royal couple continued to govern their little Navarrese court and to scheme for greater power. In course of time Henry was enabled by these plans to claim and win the throne of France. Then it was that Marguerite should have repaid the result of her years of plotting. But she did not. Henry, instead of making her queen of France, divorced her. Having saved his life and then having helped him to achieve the highest point of his ambition, she was cast off. Marguerite does not seem to have mourned greatly over this ingratitude. She was allowed to keep her title of "Queen of Navarre," and received a yearly income on which she maintained a little court of her own in Paris. Her palace became the resort of learning and fashion. She spent so much money in keeping up this private establishment that Henry's miserly soul was sorely vexed. Yet he and she always remained good friends. He constantly came to her for advice and aid in matters of diplomacy. She lived to see Henry's wise rule lift France to the foremost place among Europe's nations. The king, after divorcing Marguerite, married Marie de Medici, an Italian woman, and relative to the Catherine de Medici who had sought his death.

Henry was assassinated while still in the height of his career. Marie de Medici is thought by many historians to have caused his murder. Thus the change of wives profited him little and Marguerite was (somewhat tardily) avenged for his desertion.

A Strange Wedding.

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Girls and Outdoor Games.

Women, in their ambition to be athletic contend against innumerable difficulties. One of these difficulties is skirts, a second is waists, and a third—almost insuperable—is hair, including hairpins.

Watch a girl playing tennis or cricket, and after a more than usually brilliant effort she invariably puts her hands to her head, as if she expected something to fall off if she did not. Energetic play is usually attended by dishevelment of the unruly locks and a shedding of hairpins that causes the pretty athlete distress.

Her pleasure in the game is marred by a sense of insecurity and a constant fear of consequences. No woman can wield a racquet or essay a run with an undivided mind. Half her brain is occupied by the fearful surmise that her hair is coming down—a surmise, by the way, which is probably too painfully justified by the fact—Black and White.

An American Huntress.

An American girl, Miss Ellers, whose home is said to be somewhere in Pennsylvania, caused a sensation at a recent stag hunt on Exmoor, England, by appearing in a costume strikingly masculine. People remarked not so much on her riding astride—for in the last few seasons so many women have adopted the cross saddle that they are called the "breeches brigade"—as on the general "cowboy" style of her "get up." But when the hunt was over comment upon her appearance changed to expressions of admiration for her horsemanship and sportsmanship.

What They Look Like.

The little boy had been given oyster stew for dinner. The oysters were unusually large. After peering intently into the bowl for some time he looked up into his mother's face and said, "I don't like hoppy-toads."—Delineator.

Also Ready With a Bluff

Quick Thought That Probably Saved American from Death at the Hands of Mob.

John Lover, the wild animal expert of the Philadelphia Zoo, was talking about big game hunting in Uganda.

"You must be quick," Mr. Lover ended. "You must be as quick as a cousin of mine once was in Whitechapel."

"It was Jack the Ripper time. Do you remember that terrible time? All Whitechapel, all the world, was on edge."

"My cousin, looking for excitement, wandered one night through the darkest and dimmest alleys and courts of the Whitechapel slums, and all of a sudden a woman blocked his way."

"Give me your money, all of it," she said, "or I'll scream out that you're Jack the Ripper. If this crowd gets at you then—"

"My cousin was always phenomenally quick. He took the woman's arm

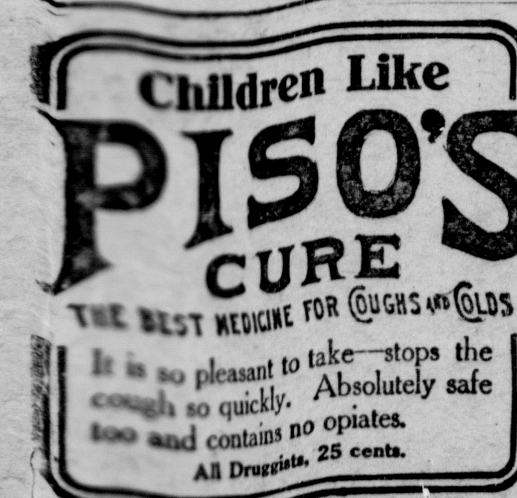
in a viselike grip, and he let his eyes blaze to hers.

"Madam," he hissed, "I am Jack the Ripper."

"And with a smothered scream she turned and fled."

Father Makes a Plaster.

A small child over on Detroit avenue had a cold in the chest. After all had retired the child's mother poked an elbow into the ribs of the child's father and told him she believed he'd better put on his bathrobe and run down to the kitchen and get some hard and place it on a cloth over the little one's chest. The father obeyed, and found the crock of lard on a pantry shelf just as he had been told he would. He spread it over some cheesecloth and pinned it to the boy's chest, and the next morning the lad was better. Then the mother discovered something. The lard that the father had brought in wasn't lard at all. It was mashed potatoes. — Cleveland Plain Dealer.



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...ing, is a night owl, or is over-
strained, the eye will be dull, heavy
and lifeless. Above all, the eye is
the sign of physical upheavals.

When the eye is not bright and
clear, especially if it looks puffy or
has that "sick look," keep a sharp
watch for your health. It may be only
biliousness, but it may also be kidney
trouble or internal disarrangement.
Whatever the cause, it is time to dis-
cover it.

There is a far wiser plan than to
take anything to keep the eyes bright.
There are women so foolish as to eat
arsenic under the impression that it
will brighten their eyes. It will also
ruin their nerves, weaken their heart
any may eventually mean invalidism
for life.

Even more foolish is it to put drops
in the eyes to give them bright-
ness. Never use anything in the eye
without consulting an oculist.

Should the eyes feel heavy they
may often be freshened by bathing
with weak salt water, either hot or
cold. This can do no harm, and by
relieving strained conditions will fre-
quently improve the luster.

Had a Right to "Butt In."

To a New York restaurant, which
has a large barroom annex, a number
of men come regularly to watch the
ticker. The first arrival, and the one
who remains until the last quotation
has been recorded, is, according to
the story of the manager of the place,
a "financial has-been." He usually
takes the place where he can see the
reports as they are told off on the
tape first, and often delivers long dis-
sertations on "the market," but those
who know him believe that he never
feels in a share of stock. One day
last week the crowd was unusually
large, when a stranger to the regulars
made unsuccessful endeavors to see
the tape. The intrusion was resented
by the man, who said something about
"pikers butting in," which he re-
gretted a few moments later, when it
was discovered that the intruder
was the proprietor, and now the part
of "wise man" in that body of stock
speculators is vacant.

Golden Eagle in Songster Class.

Chris Wittmeyer from Goodrich
was arrested Monday for killing a
golden eagle and was fined \$10 and
costs, says a Bismarck correspondent
of the St. Paul Dispatch. Wittmeyer
and a party of hunters had been in
the vicinity of Twin lakes hunting
geese, and while on their way home
sighted the golden eagle, which is a
rare bird in this part of the country,
and shot it and sent it to Mandan to
have it mounted.

One section of the game law pro-
vides that all harmless birds must
be protected, and the golden eagle
comes under this head. The present
game and fish commission has made a
strict stand for the enforcement of
the law, and there has been less un-
lawful shooting this year than at any
time in the past.

Foreigners Buy Canadian Land.

Recently the Canadian government
offered 1,116,000 acres of public land
for sale at Fort Gray, adjoining Van-
couver, and buyers from all parts of
the Dominion flocked to the sale, with
representatives of the United States
and other foreign capitals. The sale
made a \$400,000.

Cone Johnson says, in reply to
at Poindexter's bitter attack, that he
will not offend the judge, for he
believes the Cleburne jurist will be
supporting him before the campaign
is much older. Oh, you, Cone!

There are too many young men
who know too much about dawning
the light fantastic, and too little
about the big questions of the day.
We once knew a young man who was
"the dearest thing" imaginable when
it came to doing the handsome in the
presence of the sentimental girl, but
as to the name of the author of Pil-
grims' Progress he was as ignorant
as a daffy Digger Indian.

State Senator J. P. Hayter will
shortly take up his residence at Ama-
rillo, where he will become the active
head of a wholesale drug house. De-
catur parts with him with regret.—
Bowie Cross-Timbers.

We are authorized to announce
Sam Faith as a candidate for the of-
fice of sheriff of Wise county. Mr.
Faith has served as deputy under the
past two sheriffs, and he invites an
inspection at the hands of the voters
of this county to the record made.
He says that if he is the choice of
the people he will attend
his duties without fear or favor. He
asks the voters to consider his claims
when making out the ticket.

What if a young fellow stands
steadily with the girls, and can hop
around over the floor to the dreamy
waltz tune, isn't it as much a sin for
this pin-headed noninity on the body
social to become beastly drunk as the
bleary-eyed bum? A sensible world
thinks yes, but there are mothers who
are raising daughters who think it is
funny and positively cute in the sissy
boy to become tipsy on barrel-house
booze.

We are requested to announce Mr.
Wes Helm as a candidate for sheriff
of Wise county. Four years ago
Mr. Helm made a very creditable
race for this office. For many years
he has served either as a deputy sher-
iff or marshal and upon the records
made in these capacities he seeks the
office of sheriff. He asks the voters
to consider his claims, and promises
to fill the office to the best of his
ability if elected.

The objectionable feature of the
double primary plan, mentioned in a
recent issue of the Messenger, is the
big expense to the candidates. Coun-
ty Chairman Frank J. Ford, who sug-
gested a try-out of the plan in this
county, says, after a thorough study
of the matter, he believes the high
cost of a second primary robs the
plan of much merit.

Resolutions on the death of Dr.
John Ford from the Chapter and K.
of P. lodges will appear next week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to Democratic Primary, 1910

RATES—Cash in Hand

Precinct.....	\$ 2.50
County.....	5.00
Legislature.....	10.00
District.....	10.00
Congress.....	15.00

For County Treasurer,
R. D. (BUCK) SMITH
H. H. TRUSSELL.

For Sheriff
WES HELM
SAM FAITH
W. R. (Buck) RILEY.

For Tax Collector
MILBURN ARNETT
J. W. GENTRY
E. H. BOONE

For County Clerk
WALTER HARDING
J. P. (Pat) WILLIAMS

For County Judge
E. M. ALLISON

City Announcements

For City Marshal
CLAUDE LEWIS
MARK ROGERS

Today we announce the candidacy
of E. M. Allison for the office of
county judge of Wise county. Mr.
Allison needs no introduction to the
good people of this county. He is
one of us. His record as justice of
the peace of this precinct stands out
bold as one of the best ever made by
any squire. He is smart, a close
student of law and an honorable, up-
right man. Four years ago he ran
for this office and his showing was
flattering indeed, coming within a
few votes of winning out. Mr. All-
son is well equipped for the high po-
sition of judge, and upon these quali-
fications, his ability to do, he asks
the voters of this county to support
him.

J. P., better known as Pat Williams
of Paradise, was here Monday, and
we are authorized to announce him as
a candidate for county clerk. He is
a splendid young man, of strict in-
tegrity and competent in every way to
fill the office. He was born and reared
on the farm near Decatur, educated
in the public schools, and four years
lived and worked at Bridgeport. He
respectfully asks your support.

M. A. Arnett comes out this week
for tax collector of Wise county.
He is at present deputy collector and
in this position he has given splen-
did service and satisfaction. He is
well known to the people as a Chris-
tian gentleman, and with the quali-
fications, he will no doubt render good
and faithful service if elected to the
office.

Halsell May Run.

We hear that our friend and fellow-
townsman, H. H. Halsell, is being so-
lited to enter the race for local
representative. Mr. Halsell is an
old time citizen of Wise county. He
is aggressive and stands up boldly
for what he champions. Mr. Halsell
has not yet decided about what he
will do about the matter.

To the Candidates

The Messenger carries the largest
stock of candidates' cards to be
found in the city, and you want some-
thing in this line, call and see us.
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There is something wrong with that
jury system that allows one or two
men to tie up a jury of twelve [and
cause expense to pile up on the lit-
igants, to say nothing of the time and
cost to the state. There was much
merit in that law, brought before the
last legislature, providing that nine
in a jury could render a verdict, but
it is said that the corporations
lobbied the wind and water out of
this measure when it was offered in
the legislature. Five damage suits
have been tried in our courts the
past two weeks, and four hung juries
resulted—hung by one or two men.

For sheriff we today announce Mr.
W. R. Riley. Buck has had years
of experience as an officer of the law,
as constable and deputy sheriff, and
he stands upon the records made.
He is well known to our people, and
if elected he will no doubt discharge
the duties of the office to the entire
satisfaction of his constituents. He
respectfully asks you to consider his
claims.

One of the most noteworthy items of
interest in Decatur business affairs
that has come about with the new
year, is the change in management of
the popular establishment, the Red
Store. Mr. Frank Timberlake, who
has been with the Perkins interests
for the past three years, has taken
over the supervising of Mr. Perkins'
business here and at Jacksboro. Frank
Timberlake is a young man with a full
share of the good qualities and train-
ing that go to make up the ideal
business man, and his universal popu-
larity with our people speaks vol-
umingly for him. Everybody likes Frank
and Mr. Perkins has made a wise se-
lection in choosing him to look after
his interests in Decatur.

Sheriff Bill Cates and family were
here last week from Duncan.

A Cincinnati man asked for a di-
vorce because his wife was irritable,
high tempered and used exasperating
language. But the judge held that a
woman who had had the care of four
small children and no domestic help
had a right to have a temper and to
also use language that expressed her
feelings.

A recent Chinese newspaper states
that the law of nationality, consisting
of twenty-four articles, has been de-
cided upon. By this law any person
who has lived in China over ten years
and is above twenty years of age, of
good moral standing, being helpful to
China, may be allowed to assume Chi-
nese nationality if asked for.

For the first time since the national
bank act went into effect, forty-six
years ago, says an exchange, there is
not an examiner in the service today
who owns a share of stock in any one
of the 7,000 national banks, who is an
officer or director of any corporation
which borrows a dollar from any na-
tional bank or engaged in any business
except examining banks.

Natives of Papua are said to have
converted a Church of England clergy-
man to a recognition that "there is
something in the witchcraft practiced
by the magicians of New Guinea." The
Rev. Copeland King, who has been
laboring among the Papuans for eight-
een years, has told a Sydney inter-
viewer that he was once stricken with
fever by a Papuan magician.

Foley's Orino Laxative is best for
women and children. Its mild action
and pleasant taste make it preferable
to violent purgatives, such as pills,
tablets, etc. Cures constipation, Ford
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STORIES

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bladder remedy, because of its remark-
able health restoring
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every wish in over-
coming rheumatism,
pain in the back, kid-
neys, liver, bladder
and every part of the
urinary passage. It
corrects inability to
hold water and scalding pain in passing it,
or bad effects following use of liquor, wine
or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant
necessity of being compelled to go often
through the day, and to get up many
times during the night.

Swamp-Root is not recommended for
everything but if you have kidney, liver
or bladder trouble, it will be found just
the remedy you need. It has been thor-
oughly tested in private practice, and has
proved so successful that a special ar-
rangement has been made by which all
readers of this paper, who have not al-
ready tried it, may have a sample bottle
sent free by mail, also a book telling
more about Swamp-Root, and how to
find out if you have kid-
ney or bladder trouble.
When writing mention
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Dr. Kilmer & Co., Home of Swamp-Root,
Binghamton, N. Y. The regular fifty-cent
and one-dollar size bottles are sold by
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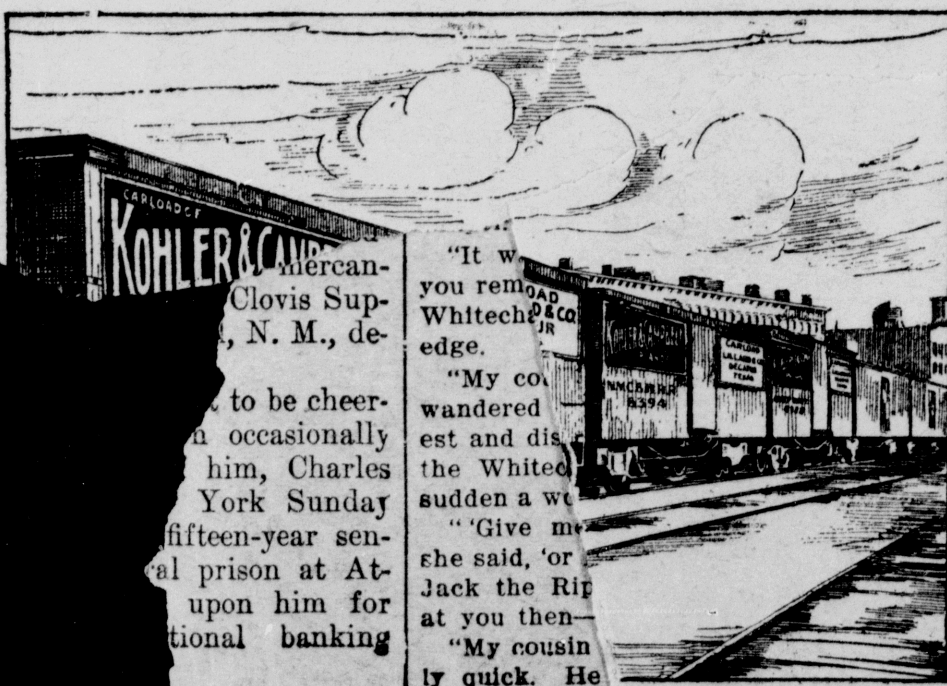
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No. 5—8:36 p. m.	No. 2—4:25 p. m.
No. 7—11:08 p. m.	No. 4—2:35 p. m.

News of Town and County

The grand jury will adjourn today. Miss Jessie Standley is in Fort Worth.

Rufus Green, of Memphis, was here last week.

Chris Henderson was in Alvord Sunday.

Geo Call was here from Jefferson last week.

Earl Harvey was here from Alvord Monday.

Outler Gose visited in Chillicothe last week.

A. S. Badger is dangerously ill of pneumonia.

Gus Jarrell was up from Ft. Worth this week.

V. A. Crews was here from Krum Saturday.

H. Hardy, of Bridgeport, was here Saturday.

Pat Williams, of Paradise, was here Monday.

Barnie Shoemaker was in Ft. Worth first of the week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Casey, on Jan. 1, a boy.

Rev. W. C. Carver was in Fort Worth Monday.

John Kendall came up last night from Fort Worth.

Walter Splawn was here from Fort Worth last week.

Mrs. W. S. Gilbert is dangerously ill of pneumonia.

Bill Matthews, of Alvord, visited Decatur yesterday.

Martin Sewell, of Knox City, has been here this week.

Howell Province returned Tuesday to school at Abilene.

Mrs. J. A. Harvey, of Alvord, visited Decatur this week.

P. H. Neel fell Wednesday and suffered a broken arm.

Ike Killough was here this week from Hobart, Okla.

Try that new hair tonic at Roe & Bob's—it is the best.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Harwell, on Jan. 1, a boy.

J. Press Terrell and son, of Temple, were here last week.

Mrs. Maud Grant has accepted a position in the postoffice.

"The Missouri Girl" at the opera house next Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Halsell visited in Chillicothe last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brite were here last week from Henrietta.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Bridges on Wednesday, a daughter.

Mrs. J. E. McElhenny and son, of Dallas, were here last week.

Sweeten up on that good home-made candy at the City Bakery.

Mrs. Hubbard Dillehay visited her mother in Slidell this week.

S. M. Privett and family have returned from a visit to Arkansas.

It's sure fine—that peanut and coconut candy at the City Bakery.

Miss Ella May Embry, of Bowie, visited friends here last week.

Miss Grace Brady, of Dallas, is the guest of Mrs. W. A. Helm.

Miss Christine Rogers was here last week from school at Belton.

L. L. Huddleston and family leave this week for Ballinger to reside.

J. J. Terrell and family, of Austin, spent Christmas with relatives here.

Try that home-made peanut and coconut candy at the City Bakery.

Miss Myrtle Gage visited her folks in Greenwood during the holidays.

Miss Norma Man, of Mansfield, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Man.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas, of Ennis, are visiting the family of W. W. Williams.

Mrs. Burns Cotner, of Ft. Worth, visited Mrs. W. S. Harding this week.

Steve Lillard, Jr., returned Wednesday to his school studies at A & M.

Mrs. J. B. Gibbon and son, Mike B., of Amarillo, are visiting relatives here.

J. B. Henderson, one of Bridgeport's big merchants was here Tuesday.

Miss Leila Belle Devereux spent the holiday season with relatives in Commerce.

Misses Eva Young, Maggie Spencer were here last week from school at Denton.

Mack and Joseph Cates were here last week shaking hands with old friends.

Misses Bennie and Sallie Bobo, of Rhome, visited Decatur Saturday and Sunday.

The college opened Wednesday and the public school Monday after the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Wade and Miss Oma Hill have returned from a visit to Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. Brady, of Pennsylvania, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Brady.

Miss Ruth Christal has returned from a pleasant visit to relatives in Wichita Falls.

Miss Pearl Wheelock, one of Greenwood's most charming girls, was shopping here Saturday.

Misses Mary and Ada Cates and Alma Jarrell were here from Sulphur, Okla., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Copley and Miss Nell Donald, of Amarillo, visited Mrs. C. W. Donald this week.

C. E. Halsell was here last week, and he informed us that he will leave in a short while for Mexico.

H. O. Bowman, one of the Red Store's popular salesmen, spent a day or two last week in Greenville and Commerce.

Floyd Helm has been transferred as carrier from route 6 to route 7. Leroy Nichols, of Guymon, Okla., takes route 6.

Vital statistics of Wise county for December—deaths 10, females, 7, males 3; births 48, females 23, males 25.

Frank Stamps and daughter, Miss Lena, of Bullard, visited his sisters, Mesdames A. Devereux and W. D. Paschall last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Miller, of Ft. Worth and Jake Miller, of Dallas, spent Xmas. with homefolks here.

Mrs. Andrew Collins died at her home in Preskitt community on Wednesday of last week. Interment occurred at Pleasant Grove cemetery.

Mrs. W. H. Ratliff, of Quanah, is the guest of Rev. and Mrs. L. S. Barton. Mrs. Ratliff is just recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

J. F. Thurmond, one of Rhome's prosperous farmers, was here yesterday, and paid the Messenger an appreciated visit.

Mrs. Bob Cates, Jr., died at her home below town Wednesday afternoon after a long illness. She leaves a husband and one child.

Mrs. Warren Shoemaker and daughter, of Henrietta, were visitors here during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Shoemaker, of Fort Worth, were also here.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Mack, and Miss Ruth Harding, of Wichita Falls, and Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Heflin, of Walter, Okla., spent Xmas. with Mrs. M. A. Harding.

Will Workman, manager of the county farm, had the members of the commissioners' court down to his place yesterday to partake of a sumptuous dinner.

T. D. McGaughey, of Alvord, a member of the grand jury, was called home yesterday by the news of the death of his daughter, who lived in Oklahoma.

Mrs. T. J. Waggoner, of Wichita Falls, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Gose, of Alvord, and Dr. J. C. Gose, of Krum, were the guests of their mother, Mrs. M. F. Gose, during the holidays.

A good play with a good strong plot and an unusual amount of rich comedy interpreted by a clever lot of people is what will be seen when 'The Missouri Girl' appears at the Decatur opera house Tuesday, Jan. 14.

The baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kendall fell last Monday and suffered a severe cut over one eye. The baby fell against a base board and the result was a gash to the skull, which severed an artery. The child is doing nicely.

The Lillard & Malone gin in Northeast Decatur burned Thursday morning of last week at about two o'clock. The loss on the plant is about \$8000. \$5500 insurance was carried. Several bales of cotton were also lost. The origin of the fire is not known.

H. D. Burton and Miss Edna Cartwright, of the Muse community, were married last Sunday at the home of the bride's father, C. A. Cartwright. Both belong to well known families and are popular young people. We join their many friends in congratulations.

A. W. Rountree and Miss Mary Moseley were married on Thursday of last week by Rev. E. T. Smith. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Moseley, and Mr. Rountree is an employe of the oil mill. They are at home to friends in the Madden House.

The president and directors of the Home Protective Ass'n No. 1 have called a meeting of the members to be held next Monday night at the Hayter building for the purpose of electing a secretary and treasurer, which business was overlooked last Monday.

Jas. W. Hill, of Dallas, has purchased the dry goods stock of J. S. Lane in Decatur and will continue the business at the old stand. Mr. Hill is a very pleasant gentleman and Messenger heartily welcomes him to our city. Mr. Lane will remain in Decatur for the present.

Hood Greer, of Abilene, and Mrs. Sarah Greer, of Dallas county, were the guests of Tom Greer last week.

On December 26th Grandpa A. B. Blankenship died at the home of his son, R. L., in Decatur after a protracted illness. Mr. Blankenship was 77 years of age. Funeral services were conducted at the residence of R. L. Blankenship, after which the remains were taken to Rhome for interment.

At Bridgeport Mexican camp No. 2, at an early hour Saturday, a difficulty came up between Higinio Obregon and Pascual Martinez, Obregon being shot in the stomach. The physician in attendance states that the wounded man will surely die. Martinez is locked up, awaiting the action of the grand jury.

In the proper column in this issue of the Messenger will be found the announcement of Walter S. Harding for county clerk. For the past three years he has been deputy clerk under Mr. Brady and his service has been good and faithful. He thoroughly understands the work, is courteous and painstaking, and if elected to the office promises to do his best in discharging the duties of the position.

Claud Lewis announces for the office of city marshal of Decatur. Mr. Lewis is a reliable and energetic young man who has come up through the many hard knocks that life is heir to with credit to himself. He is fully qualified for the office, and promises if elected, to fulfill its duties to the best of his ability without favors to anyone. Consider his claims in the city election next April.

The two-year-old child of Bennie Watkins died on Tuesday night. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and interment occurred at the city cemetery. Mr. Watkins only recently lost his wife, and now in the death of his only child he is doubly bereaved. He has the sympathy of all our people in his dark hour of sorrow.

E. H. Boone of the Paradise country, is announced for the office of tax collector to succeed Mr. Henderson. Mr. Boone is well fitted for the office; he is an old time settler of Wise, a farmer by profession and says if the good people of this county see fit to honor him with the office he will give his constituents good and faithful service. Consider his claims.

Mrs. Dick Reeves died of pneumonia on last Saturday morning, Jan. 1, at 12:30 o'clock. Funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church Saturday afternoon by Rev. McDowell, after which interment occurred at the city cemetery. Mrs. Reeves leaves a husband and two small children, who have the sincere sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement.

Dr. Bramlett is exhibiting the first real hookworm ever seen in Decatur. It was taken from one of the doctor's patients. The worm is not a very savage looking reptile, but it is said to work much havoc on suffering humanity. It thrives on energy and the get-up-and-get in a man, and when it is getting in its work its victim becomes languid and lazy. We request the doctor to guard this worm and see that it does not escape.

The third session of Decatur's most recent literary organization convened with its president Mrs. R. E. Carswell, Dec. 30. Refreshments were served and a delightful time is reported. Mrs. Gordon Thomason is secretary of the club and Mrs. J. H. Cates is press reporter. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. C. B. Beard if her health will permit, but if her health will not permit Mrs. Beard to entertain the club then the meeting will take place at Mrs. A. C. Bramlett's.

Mark Rogers announces this week as a candidate for the office of city marshal of Decatur, subject to the April election. Mr. Rogers has lived above reproach in Decatur for many years, and enjoys the respect and confidence of our town's people. He is capable of making a good officer, and if chosen as marshal, will doubtless give splendid service to the entire town. He solicits your support.

Mrs. J. L. Vastine, after many years as one of the leading milliners of Decatur, has retired from the business, disposing of the business to her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Hazie Vastine, who has been a close student in the art for the past several seasons, and who will, no doubt, keep the business up to the high state reached under the management of the good lady and expert milliner, Mrs. J. L. Vastine. She has earned a good rest from her labors, and her numerous friends wish her a Happy New Year.

Marriage licenses: J. L. Peden to Quinn Mann; Geo F. True to Nannie Chapell; A. P. Ceafion to Lena Stockton; J. W. Howell to Oma Robeson; J. W. Tumely to Tommie Champion; H. D. Burton to Edna Cartwright; A. W. Rountree to Mary Moseley; W. O. Johnson to Electra Thomas; Jesse Lawrence to Pearl Denny; John Veach to Connie Hancock; J. P. Robertson to Effie Spain; Willard Parsons to Lavonia Russell; Walter Bruze to Stella Ford; C. A. Reno to Minnie Cooper; L. E. Jones to Ola Hodges; E. M. Young to Fannie Prescott.

Miss Willie B. Taylor, of Fort Worth, was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Tiley.

Dr. Fullingim and family, of Argyle, C. C. Chance and family, of Henrietta, and Mrs. P. E. Wade and children, of Denison, were here during the holidays with J. P. Fullingim and wife.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS From Russell @ Dallas

As the year 1909 has passed into history, now let's forget all our sorrows and be happy and look to the future for better and happier days. We trust the year 1909 has been both pleasant and profitable to everybody, not only in a financial way, but in every way that tends to make life pleasant and happy and really worth living. We wish to extend our heart-felt thanks to all who have put so much sunshine in our lives. Our best wishes are that happiness-good health and fortune may abide with you and all who are dear to you in great abundance for all time to come and that each succeeding year may bring to you and yours even greater happiness and prosperity than the last.

Again extending our sincere thanks to our many patrons and friends for their continued loyalty and assure them that they have a warm place in our heart and will always direct our very best efforts to maintain our reputation of giving our patrons the very best service, highest quality and honest dealings. Thanking the good people of Decatur and Wise county kindly in advance for their continued patronage and loyalty and wishing all a happy and prosperous New Year.

Yours Greatfully,

Russell & Dallas

CLASSIFIED ADS

Five Cents Per Line

LOST—Pair brown basket ball pants with cross on belt. Return to Paul Payne and receive reward.

LOST—On old courthouse lot, long link gold chain, no crossbar or swivel; reward, at this office.

FOR SALE—The Cribbs place, northeast of Decatur, near Dan; 80 acres, 60 in cultivation, balance in wood pasture; well improved; at a bargain. T. E. Hale, route 5, Decatur. (4p)

Johnson grass pasture close to depot for rent. Inquire of R. G. Hobson. (tf)

FARM FOR RENT—50 to 100 acres, good farm, good conveniences, on my place 1 mile south of Decatur. R. E. Carswell.



Decatur No. 33

Meets every Thursday night, Castle Hall on East Main street. Visiting Knights welcome.

To the Memory of Steve.

In memory of Steve, the late Mrs. Elizabeth Cates' protegee: Farewell, Stephanie, we lay thee to rest.

In the soft mother earth with a mantle of ice o'er her beautiful breast, With spangles and pendants adorning gables and bowers We wish for the fragrance of beautiful flowers.

To wreath thy casket and body of clay, In fitting remembrance of the faithful boy we bury today.

—Mrs. L. V. S.

HIDDEN DANGERS

Nature Gives Timely Warnings that No Decatur Citizen Can Afford to Ignore.

Danger Signal No. 1 comes from the kidney secretions. They will warn you when the kidneys are sick. Well kidneys excrete a clear, amber fluid. Sick kidneys send out a thin, pale and foamy, or a thick, red, ill-smelling urine, full of sediments and irregular of passage.

Danger Signal No. 2 comes from the back. Back pains, dull and heavy or sharp and acute, tell you of sick kidneys and warn you of the approach of dropsy, diabetes and Bright's disease. Doan's Kidney Pills cure sick kidneys and cure them permanently. Here's Decatur proof:

C. D. Cates, 2 miles northeast Decatur, Texas, says: "About a year ago I was suffering from an attack of kidney trouble, the greatest annoyance being from too frequent passages of the kidney secretions. A friend advised me to try Doan's Kidney Pills and I procured a box from C. B. Gunn's drug store. They helped me so greatly that I procured more and took in all the contents of about five boxes. By the end of that time my condition was much better. I have no hesitation in recommending the remedy which brought about this benefit."

For sale by all dealers Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Dr. Simmons to Leave.

We are sorry, indeed, to chronicle the news of Dr. Charles B. Simmons' removal from our midst. Decatur and Wise county suffers a distinct loss in the going of this good man and splendid physician. He is one of God's noblemen, with friends by the score throughout this section of the state, as no man stands higher in the esteem and has a stronger hold upon the love and affection of our people than this man. When the report became current that Dr. Simmons was going to leave regrets were expressed upon every hand, from the children to the old men and women—beautiful testimony as to how popular he is with all. The firm of Simmons & Reeves, probably one of the strongest medical firms in this whole section of Texas, has been dissolved, and Dr. Simmons will leave in a few weeks for New York City to take up the studies of a specialist. After a thorough course in New York Dr. Simmons will go to Vienna, Austria, and enter a famous college to finish his course. Returning to the United States he will locate in one of the large cities of Texas and practice his profession. Dr. Simmons has been signally successful as a physician, and as he enters upon his new studies he goes with the name of being one of the state's really big doctors—the result of twenty years of honest, diligent application to his profession. God speed and good luck to you, Doctor, may your best hopes be realized but wherever you go you will find no friends truer and more loyal than the ones you have drawn about you with hoops of steel in old Decatur and Wise county.

Dr. Carpenter, who has purchased the home and professional interests of Dr. Simmons, is an affable gentleman and a splendid physician of long years standing, and he with that good doctor, L. H. Reeves, will look after the health and happiness of our people with the same attentiveness and knowledge of medicine as characterized the firm of Simmons & Reeves.

Increased Price of Elk Teeth.
"During the last five years the value of elk teeth has more than trebled," said a western traveler at the Fred-eric, according to the St. Paul Dis-patch. "In 1904 you could get any num-ber of fine specimens in Idaho, Mon-tana, Washington and bordering states for \$2.50 apiece. Now you will pay from \$7.50 to \$10, and they are hard to get for even that. The Apache, Sioux, Comanche and Chippewa In-dians used to have dozens of them in their possession and traded them for trinkets. But the redskin got wise to their value, and you can buy them from a regular dealer cheaper now than from the Indian. The passing of the elk and the great demand made by the members of the Elk lodge for teeth for emblems have boosted the price."

The traveler recited an incident of an Oklahoman who bought a robe cov-ered with elk teeth from a Wichita Indian for \$100. He cut off the teeth and cleaned up \$2,200 on the deal.

If you see a fault in others, think of two of your own, and do not add a third one by your hasty judgment.

A Lesson In Economy.
"I notice you always fling the driver your purse when we take a convey-ance," said the heroine of the his-torical novel.
"I do," admitted the hero of the same.
"How do you expect to support a wife? Give him the exact legal fare hereafter."—Louisville Courier-Jour-nal.

The Novice.
Old Lawyer (to young partner)—Did you draw up old Moneybag's will?
Young Partner—Yes, sir; and so tight that all the relatives in the world cannot break it.
Old Lawyer (with some disgust)—The next time there is a will to be drawn up, I'll do it myself!—New York Sun.

All Kinds.
"It takes all kinds of people to make a world," said the ready-made philosopher.
"Certainly," answered the plain per-son; "look at explorers. Some of them excel with mathematical instruments and some with typewriters and picture machines."

Interesting Information.
In an interview published in the Kieler Neueste Nachrichten, Grossad-miral von Koster says many interest-ing things about his visit to New York, among them the following: "In the absence of President Taft, who was away on a trip to the Mexican frontier, the place of honor was taken by the vice-president of the United States, Secretary of State Sherman of New York."

Sorry He Spoke.
Mr. Dubbs (with newspaper)—It tells here, my dear, how a progres-sive New York woman makes her social calls by telephone.
Mrs. Dubbs—Progressive. Huh! She's probably like me, not a decent thing to wear.—Boston Transcript.

And Mother Officiates.
Eddie—Do you have morning pray-ers at your house?
Freddie—We have some kind of a service when father gets in.

Happiness in marriage would be more prevalent if a man would handle his wife as tenderly and carefully as he does an old briar pipe.

Graphic Variations.
"Civilization," remarked the cannibal king, "promotes some strange ideas."
"To whom do you especially refer?" inquired the missionary.
"Among you the ultimate con-sumer is regarded with sympathy. Here he is considered very lucky."

Taking No Chances.
Griggs—Odd that these doctors can't prescribe for themselves. There's Cuttem just gone to another physician to be treated.
Briggs—That's where he is wise. Cuttem knows how few of his pa-tients recover.

Mistakes Will Happen.
Lady (to her sister, a doctor)—There—I cooked a meal for the first time to-day and I made a mess of it.
"Well, dear, never mind; it's noth-ing. I lost my first patient."

Would Surprise Him All Right.
First Girl—I want to give my fiance a surprise for a birthday present. Can't you suggest something?
Second Girl—You might tell him your age.

The annual report of Fire Chief Bedeker will show that the losses from the April fires in Fort Worth amounted to about \$1,000,000, in-stead of \$3,000,000 as originally es-timated.

Ellis County will obtain a com-plete soil survey. The map of this survey will be on the scale of one inch to the mile, and will deal with the fitness for agriculture of every soil to be found in the county.

President W. T. Loudermilk of the State Farmers' Union has issued a call for a convention to be held in Ft. Worth, Jan. 25, at 10 o'clock.

The State bank guaranty fund of Texas is supposed to be in the hands of the State Banking Board on Sat-urday of this week, at least the law so prescribes.

One of the largest cotton deals ever made in Chandler was consum-mated Tuesday. E. L. Green of this city sold to H. F. Underwood, of Dallas 700 bales of cotton for \$50,-868.10.

Three men, believed to be miners, were run down and killed by an Evansville and Terre Haute freight train at Shelburn, Ind., Saturday.

According to statements and fig-ures of Postmaster H. C. Schlemmer, Austin has a population of 40,000 people.

The Texas and Pacific passenger trains Nos. 25 and 26, which have been operated between Terrell and Fort Worth, have been extended to Wills point.

Mrs. Mollie Roller, a domestic em-ployed by Peter Sidle, a farmer, near Enid, Okla., burned to death Sun-day morning while starting a fire with gasoline.

The fourth annual exhibit of the Abilene and Great Western Poul-try Show is now in full swing in Abilene. The exhibits are large and the quality of the birds is of a higher grade than usual.

In an election held Dec. 23, Rhome school district voted to issue bonds in the sum of \$7,500 for the pur-pose of constructing a brick school building.

J. W. Powers of Gainesville, Fri-day bought from the Wiley Grain and Cotton Company of Sanger, twenty miles south of Gainesville,, 304 bales of cotton at 15c, amount-ing to \$23,941.23.

The asphalt plant of the Parker-Washington Paving Company, two steel tank cars and a supply of ce-ment, asphalt and oil were destroyed by fire Wednesday in Muskogee. The loss is approximately \$10,000.

The total damage to shipping is estimated at \$50,000 from the break-ing up of the ice gorges in the Mis-sissippi River, near St. Louis, dur-ing the past twenty-four hours. A decided rise in river Sunday after-noon, however, brought relief from danger of additional losses.

While skating on a pond on the W. J. Clemmons farm, near Fort Cobb, Okla., Sunday night, two of Mr. Clemmons' sons, aged 11 and 13, and the 10-year-old son of J. C. Smith, a neighbor, were drowned by the ice breaking near the pond's center. A younger Clemmons boy ran for help, but it arrived too late.

E. K. Brown, a Texas and Pacific brakeman, aged twenty-seven, was killed near Gordon Saturday while riding on the engine cab. He was leaning out on the gang plank when the locomotive reached a bridge and Brown's head struck a beam. Death was instantaneous.

Four lives were lost and three per-sons received serious hurts in a tenement house fire in Jersey City, N. J., early Sunday.

After being in session practically all day in Austin, the experiment station locating board, composed of Lieutenant Governor Davidson, Dr. Harrison, director of experiment sta-tions, and Commissioner of Agricul-ture Kone, Saturday decided to lo-cate two stations in the black land belt, one at Temple and the other at Denton.

The month closing Friday will go into Chicago's record as the coldest December, with the exception of those of 1872 and 1903. The present winter's low mark, 7 degrees below zero, was reached at 4 p. m. Thurs-day.

The fourth annual exhibition of the Fruit Belt Pet Stock and Poul-try Show opened in Tyler Thursday. There are over 200 chickens on exhi-bition, embracing every variety. About six East Texas counties are represented.

Don't Weep At The Ice House.

Some people swell up on "emotion" brewed from absolute untruth.

It's an old trick of the leaders of the Labor Trust to twist facts and make the "sympathetic ones" "weep at the ice house." (That's part of the tale further on.)

Gompers et al sneer at, spit upon and defy our courts, seeking sympathy by falsely telling the people the courts were trying to deprive them of free speech and free press.

Men can speak freely and print op-inions freely in this country and no court will object, but they cannot be allowed to print matter as part of a criminal conspiracy to injure and ruin other citizens.

Gompers and his trust associates started out to ruin the Bucks Stove Co., drive its hundreds of workmen out of work and destroy the value of the plant without regard to the fact that hard earned money of men who worked, had been invested there.

The conspirators were told by the courts to stop these vicious "trust" methods, (efforts to break the firm that won't come under trust rule), but instead of stopping they "dare" the courts to punish them and demand new laws to protect them in such de-structive and tyrannical acts as they may desire to do. * * * The reason Gompers and his band persisted in try-ing to ruin the Bucks Stove Works was because the stove company insist-ed on the right to keep some old em-ployees at work when "de union" or-dered them discharged and some of "de gang" put on.

Now let us reverse the conditions and have a look.

Suppose the company had ordered the union to dismiss certain men from their union, and, the demand being re-fused, should institute a boycott against that union, publish its name in an "unfair list," instruct other man-ufacturers all over the United States not to buy the labor of that union, have committees call at stores and threaten to boycott if the merchants sold anything made by that union. Picket the factories where members work and slug them on the way home, blow up their houses and wreck the works, and even murder a few mem-bers of the boycotted union to teach them they must obey the orders of "organized Capital?"

It would certainly be fair for the company to do these things if lawful for the Labor Trust to do them.

In such a case, under our laws the boycotted union could apply to our courts and the courts would order the company to cease boycotting and trying to ruin these union men. Suppose thereupon the company should sneer at the court and in open defiance continue the unlawful acts in a per-sistent, carefully laid out plan, pur-posefully intended to ruin the union and force its members into poverty. What a howl would go up from the union demanding that the courts pro-tect them and punish their law-break-ing oppressors. Then they would praise the courts and go on earning a living protected from ruin and happy in the knowledge that the people's courts could defend them.

How could any of us receive protec-tion from law-breakers unless the courts have power to, and do punish such men?

The court is placed in position where it must do one thing or the other—punish men who persist in defying its peace orders or go out of service, let anarchy reign, and the more powerful destroy the weaker.

Peaceful citizens sustain the courts as their defenders, whereas thieves, forgers, burglars, crooks of all kinds and violent members of labor unions, hate them and threaten violence if their members are punished for break-ing the law. They want the courts to let them go free and at the same time demand punishment for other men "out-side de union" when they break the law. * * * Notice the above refer-ence to "violent" members of labor unions. The great majority of the "unheard" union men are peaceable,

upright citizens. The noisy, violent ones get into office and the leaders of the great Labor Trust know how to mass this kind of men, in labor con-ventions and thus carry out the lead-ers' schemes, frequently abhorrent to the rank and file; so it was at the late Toronto convention.

The paid delegates would applaud and "resolute" as Gompers wanted, but now and then some of the real work-ingmen insist on being heard, some-times at the risk of their lives.

Delegate Egan is reported to have said at the Toronto convention:

"If the officers of the federation would only adhere to the law we would think a lot more of them."

The Grand Council of the Provincial Workingmen's Ass'n of Canada has declared in favor of severing all con-nections with unions in the U. S., say-ing "any union having its seat of Gov't in America, and pretending to be international in its scope, must fight industrial battles according to Ameri-can methods. Said methods have con-sequences which are abhorrent to the law-abiding people of Canada involving hunger, misery, riot, bloodshed and murder, all of which might be termed as a result of the practical war now in progress in our fair provinces and directed by foreign emissaries of the United Miners of America."

That is an honest Canadian view of our infamous "Labor Trust."

A few days ago the daily papers printed the following:

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Nov. 10.—Char-acterizing the attitude of Samuel Gom-pers, John Mitchell and Frank Mor-rison of the American Federation of Labor in the contempt proceedings in the courts of the District of Columbia, in connection with the Bucks' Stove and range company, as "a willful, pre-meditated violation of the law," Simon Burns, general master workman of the general assembly, Knights of Labor, has voiced a severe condemnation of these three leaders. Mr. Burns ex-pressed his confidence in courts in gen-eral and in those of the District of Columbia in particular.

APPROVED BY DELEGATES.

This rebuke by Burns was in his an-nual report to the general assembly of his organization. He received the hearty approval of the delegates who heard it read at their annual meeting in this city.

"There is no trust or combination of capital in the world," said Mr. Burns, "that violates laws oftener than do the trust labor organizations, which resort to more dishonest, unfair and dishon-orable methods toward their competi-tors than any trust or combinations in the country."

Mr. Burns said the action of "these so-called leaders" would be harmful for years to come whenever attempts were made to obtain labor legislation. "The Labor Digest," a reputable workman's paper, says, as part of an article entitled "The beginning of the end of Gompersism, many orga-nizations becoming tired of the rule-or-ruin policies which have been en-forced by the president of the A. F. of L."

"That he has maintained his leader-ship for so long a time in the face of his stubborn clinging to policies which the more thoughtful workingmen have seen for years must be abandoned, has been on account partly of the senti-mental feeling on the part of the or-ganizations that he ought not to be de-posed, and the unwillingness of the men who were mentioned for the place, to accept a nomination in opposition to him. In addition to this, there is no denying the shrewdness of the leader of the A. F. of L., and his political sagacity, which has enabled him to keep a firm grip on the machinery of the organization, and to have his faithful henchmen in the positions where they could do him the most good whenever their services might be needed.

"Further than this, he has never failed, at the last conventions, to have some sensation to spring on the con-vention at the psychological moment, which would place him in the light of a martyr to the cause of unionism, and

excite a wave of sympathetic enthusi-asm for him, which would carry the delegates off their feet, and result in his re-election.

"That his long leadership, and this apparent impossibility to fill his place has gone to his head, and made him imagine that he is much greater a man than he really is, is undoubtedly the case, and accounts for the tactics he has adopted in dealing with questions before congress, where he has unneces-sarily antagonized men to whom or-ganized labor must look for recogni-tion of their demands, and where labor measures are often opposed on account of this very antagonism, which would otherwise receive support.

"There is no doubt but what orga-nized labor in this country would be much stronger with a leader who was more in touch with conditions as they actually exist, and who would bring to the front the new policies which orga-nized labor must adopt if it expects to even maintain its present standing, to say nothing of making future progress."

We quote portions of another article, a reprint, from the same labor paper: "Organized labor, through its lead-ers, must recognize the mistakes of the past if they expect to perpetuate their organizations or to develop the move-ment which they head. No movement, no organization, no nation can develop beyond the intellects which guide these organizations, and if the leaders are dominated by a selfish motive the organization will become tinged with a spirit of selfishness, which has never appealed to mankind in any walk of life at any time since history began.

"It can be said in extenuation of cer-tain leaders of organized labor that the precarious position which they oc-cupy as leaders has had a tendency to cause them to lose sight of the object behind the organization. The natural instinct in man for power and position is in no small measure responsible for the mistakes of the leaders, not neces-sarily in labor unions alone, but in every branch of society. This desire for power and leadership and personal aggrandizement causes men who have been earnest and sincere in their ef-forts in the start to deteriorate into mere politicians whose every act and utterance is tinged with the desire to cater to the baser passions of the working majority in the societies or organizations and this is undoubtedly true when applied to the present lead-ers of the Federation of Labor. We mention the Federation of Labor par-ticularly in this article, because that organization is the only organization of labor which has yet found itself in direct opposition to the laws of the land. There are other organizations of labor whose leaders have made mis-takes, but they have always kept them-selves and their organizations within the bounds of the law and respected the rights of every other man in con-sidering the rights of themselves and their constituency; whereas, the motto of the Federation is just the reverse, and unless the leaders conform them-selves and their organization in accord-ance with the laws of the land, the leaders and the organization itself must be disintegrated and pass into history, for in America the common sense of mankind is developed to a greater extent than in any other nation on the earth, and the people, who are the court of last resort in this country, will never allow any system to develop in this country which does not meet with the approval of the majority of the citizens of the country."

"This must have forced itself upon the leaders of the Federation by this time. If it has not, the leaders must be eliminated. The organization which they head has done many meritorious things in times past and the people are always ready and willing to acknowl-edge the benefits which their efforts have brought to their constituency as a whole, but at the present time labor organizations in general, and the Fed-eration of Labor in particular, stand before the bar of public opinion, hav-ing been convicted of selfishness and a disposition to rule all the people of the country in the interest of the few. The people are patient and awaiting to

see if the object lesson which they have been forced to give to these lead-ers is going to be recognized and if they are going to conform themselves and their future work and actions in ac-cordance thereto."

Let the people remember that com-ment, "The Federation of Labor in par-ticular stands before the bar of public opinion having been convicted of self-ishness and a disposition to rule all the people of the country in the inter-est of the few."

The great 90 per cent of Americans do not take kindly to the acts of tyranny of these trust leaders openly demanding that all people bow down to the rules of the Labor Trust and we are treated to the humiliating specta-cle of our Congress and even the Chief Executive entertaining these convicted law-breakers and listening with consid-eration to their insolent demands that the very laws be changed to allow them to safely carry on their plan of gaining control over the affairs of the people.

The sturdy workers of America have come to know the truth about these "martyrs sacrificing themselves in the noble cause of labor" but it's only the hysterical ones who swell up and cry over the aforesaid "heroes," reminding one of the two romantic elderly maids who, weeping copiously, were discov-ered by the old janitor at Mt. Vernon.

"What is it ails you ladies?"

Taking the handkerchief from one swollen red eye, between sobs she said: "Why we have so long revered the memory of George Washington that we feel it a privilege to come here and weep at his tomb."

"Yas'm, yas'm, yo' shore has a desire to express yo' sympathy but yo' are overflowin' at de wrong spot, yo' is weepin' at de ice house."

Don't get maudlin about law-break-ers who must be punished if the very existence of our people is to be main-tained.

If you have any surplus sympathy it can be extended to the honest workers who continue to earn food when threat-ened and are frequently hurt and sometimes killed before the courts can intervene to protect them.

Now the Labor Trust leaders de-mand of Congress that the courts be stripped of power to issue injunctions to prevent them from assaulting or per-haps murdering men who dare earn a living when ordered by the Labor Trust to quit work.

Don't "weep at the Ice House" and don't permit any set of law-breakers to bully our courts, if your voice and vote can prevent. Be sure and write your Representatives and Senators in Congress asking them not to vote for any measure to prevent the courts from protecting homes, property and persons from attack by paid agents of this great Labor Trust.

Let every reader write, and write now.

Don't sit silent and allow the orga-nized and paid men of this great trust to force Congress to believe they rep-resent the great masses of the Ameri-can people. Say your say and let your representatives in Congress know that you do not want to be governed under new laws which would empow-er the Labor Trust leaders with legal right to tell you when to work, Where! For whom! At what price! What to buy! What not to buy! Whom to vote for! How much you shall pay per month in fees to the Labor Trust! etc., etc., etc.

This power is now being demanded by the passage of laws in Congress. Tell your Senators and Representa-tives plainly that you don't want them to vote for any measure that will allow any set of men either representing Capital or Labor to govern and dic-tate to the common people, who prefer to be free to go and come, work or not, and vote for whom they please.

Every man's liberty will disappear when the leaders of the great Labor Trust or any other trust can ride rough shod over people and mass their forces to prevent our courts from affording protection.

"There's a Reason."
C. W. POST, Battle Creek, Mich.

FRENCH AVIATOR DEAD

IN HIS FAMOUS MONOPLANE
LEON DE LEGRANGE,
MEETS DEATH.

MANY WITNESS THE ACCIDENT

The Brisk Wind Caused the Left Wing
to Break in a Sharp
Turn.

Bordeaux, Jan. 5.—Leon De Le-grange, the French aviator, almost the foremost of those who have set out to conquer the air, was instantly killed here while making a flight in the presence of a great crowd. A strong, uncertain wind prevailed, but with characteristic boldness De Le-grange faced it in the same monoplane in which he made a record of fifty-three miles an hour at the Don-caster meeting last year.

He circled the aerodrome, seem-ing to have his machine under good control, and yet at times it heeled dangerously to the wind. On the third round, when at a height of between sixty and seventy feet, he in-creased his speed. He swung wide at the turns, but at the lower end of the aerodrome he attempted to de-scribe a sharp curve. The machine was seen to sway. The left wing was broken and the right wing im-mediately collapsed. The aeroplane came plunging to the earth and it turned half over as it fell, with the aviator clinging to the seat. In this way it crashed to the ground, with De Lagrange beneath the heavy mo-tor crushing out his life.

A Record-Breaking Sale.

Aransas Pass, Tex.: What is said to be the largest town-site sale ever held in this country has just occurred here. This is the town near which the government is spending millions building jetties so as to make the finest deep-water harbor on the Gulf of Mexico, to be used as a harbor of refuge for our war vessels that will be needed for use in the neigh-borhood of Panama. The sale oc-cupied ten days and 6,000 lots and 1,000 tracts of truck land were sold for \$800,000. The demand for the property was phenomenal and just-ified as the town is bound to be a second Seattle.

Ship Subsidy Bill.

Washington: Representative Hum-phrey of Washington Tuesday in-troduced a bill in the House provid-ing for a ship subsidy by the United States Government, which measure is understood to have the approval of President Taft and the Adminis-tration, and one of which the propo-nents of a ship subsidy bill will concentrate the efforts to procure its enactment into law.

Glen Rose-Walnut Springs Line.

Cleburne: John H. Farr of Glen Rose was here Tuesday en route to Fort Worth to employ teams and men to work on the Glen Rose and Walnut Springs Railroad. About half of this road is completed, so far as building the dump is concerned, but the work is to be rushed from this time on.

Dallas-Terrell Interurban.

Dallas: Eight miles of right of way, most of it continuous, has been secured for the Dallas-Terrell in-terurban, according to statement of C. L. Wakefield Tuesday.

Hundreds On Pension List.

New York: Some eight hundred employes of the New York Central Railroad and its affiliated lines were retired from active service by the new pension order which became ef-fective Monday.

Trees Covered With Ice.

Fort Worth: The downward ten-dency of the mercury here Monday night and Tuesday froze the driz-zling rain as it fell.

Snow at Childs, ss.

Childress: An unusual sight was witnessed here Tuesday by hundreds of citizens when snow fell ten min-utes from clear sky and the sun shin-ing. Flakes extremely large and covered walks quarter inch deep.

Child Accidentally Killed.

Mineral Wells: The little daugh-ter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hamilton, of this city was killed Tuesday by a log of wood falling upon her head.

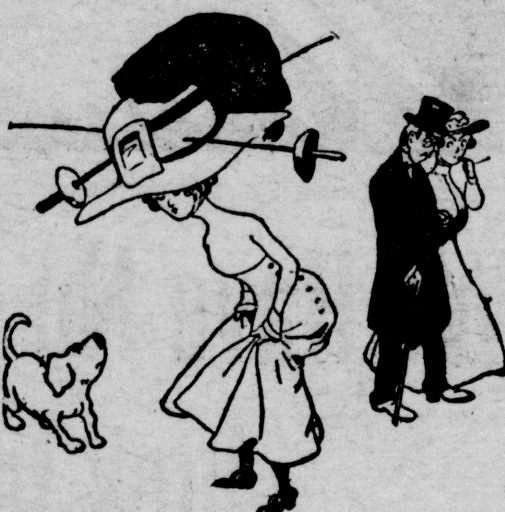
A LITTLE COLD.

He caught a little cold—
That was all.
So the neighbors sadly said,
As they gathered round his bed,
When they heard that he was dead.

He caught a little cold—
That was all. (Puck.)

Neglect of a cough or cold often leads to serious trouble. To break up a cold in twenty-four hours and cure any cough that is curable mix two ounces of Glycerine, a half-ounce of Virgin Oil of Pine compound pure and eight ounces of pure Whisky. Take a teaspoonful every four hours. You can buy these at any good drug store and easily mix them in a large bottle.

AT LAST.



Mme. X., the fencing master's wife, finds some pins long enough for her hat.

BOY TORTURED BY ECZEMA

"When my boy was six years old, he suffered terribly with eczema. He could neither sit still nor lie quietly in bed, for the itching was dreadful. He would irritate spots by scratching with his nails and that only made them worse. A doctor treated him and we tried almost everything, but the eczema seemed to spread. It started in a small place on the lower extremities and spread for two years until it very nearly covered the back part of his leg to the knee.

"Finally I got Cuticura Soap, Cuti-cura Ointment and Cuticura Pills and gave them according to directions. I used them in the morning and that evening, before I put my boy to bed, I used them again and the improve-ment even in those few hours was sur-prising, the inflammation seemed to be so much less. I used two boxes of Cuticura Ointment, the same of the Pills and the Soap and my boy was cured. My son is now in his sev-enteenth year and he has never had a return of the eczema.

"I took care of a friend's child that had eczema on its face and limbs and I used the Cuticura Soap and Ointment. They acted on the child just as they did on my son and it has never re-turned. I would recommend the Cuti-cura Remedies to anyone. Mrs. A. J. Cochran, 1823 Columbia Ave., Phila-delphia, Pa., Oct. 20, 1909."

Tuberculosis Death Rates.

The death rate from tuberculosis among men employed in occupations exposed to municipal and general or-ganic or street dust is higher than among other employed males, accord-ing to a recent bulletin of the bureau of labor of the department of com-merce and labor. The percentage of deaths from consumption among males exposed to organic dust is 23, while the percentage for all males in the registration area is 14.8. The percentage of deaths from tuberculo-sis among workers exposed to metal-lic dust is very much higher.

Coals of Fire.

One Christmas evening a Sunday school pupil appeared at church, only to be surrounded immediately by a number of deriding playmates.

"She's wearing her sister's coat!" cried one.

"And she's got her brother's gloves on!" cried another.

"Yes," was the retort that turned the tide of ridicule, "and I came with my mother's blessing."—Judge.

This Will Interest Mothers.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, cure Feverishness, Headache, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, Regulate the Bowels and Destroy Worms. They break up colds in 24 hours. Pleasant to take, and harmless as milk. They never fail. At all Druggists, 25c. Sample mailed FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Cruel.

"Isn't that a good joke? It's my own."

"Great Scott! are you so old as that?"—Lippincott's.

Exactly in the degree in which you can find creatures greater than your-self to look up to, in that degree are you ennobling yourself and in that de-gree happy.—Ruskin.

CHANCE TO ACQUIRE AFFINITY

Atchison (Kan.) Woman Has an In-cumbrance She Is Willing to Part With.

If there is any woman in this town, or in any other, who sees her affinity in my husband, this is to notify her that she can have him by calling at my home, the Hilltop, Atchison, Kan., at any hour she may choose. He grumbles at his meals, he blows his nose into the grate, he puts his feet on the parlor chairs and his head on the parlor cushions; he tells callers that his father was a poor man, and that he never "had any" schooling; he contradicts my statements when I tell of my kinship to the real promi-nent people, and if I don't watch him he "visits" with the hired man, and once asked the milkman to dinner! If there is any woman who sees her affinity in HIM, let her hang around my house a few minutes while I ask him for Christmas money. Then let her take him away if she still wants him.—Mrs. Lysander John Appleton.—Atchison Globe.

For Celestials.

I once visited a very rough boom town in Oregon, near Cottage Grove. In the leading saloon a man in a red shirt said to me:

"Ye wanter carry yerself almighty straight in these parts, stranger. Go wrong the least mite and, by crinus, we'll lynch ye as quick as look at ye."

I smiled.
"Would you lynch me," I asked, "if I killed a dog?"
"Would we?" he snorted. "Why, stranger, we've lynched fellers here for killin' Chinamen!"

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly hon-orable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm. Sold by all Druggists.
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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

A Slight Misunderstanding.

First Man—I called on a couple of ladies last night.
His Friend (absently)—So? I'll bet the other fellow held kings.—Ex-change.

Quick as Wink.

If your eyes ache with a smarting, burn-ing sensation use PETTIT'S EYE SALVE. All Druggists or Howard Bros., Buffalo, N. Y.

There's a difference between dignity and pomposity, but some people don't seem to be able to realize it.

BARKING, HACKING, RASPING COUGH can be broken up quickly by Allen's Lung Balm. This old, reliable remedy has been sold for over 40 years. Ask your druggist about it.

One good thing about a fall that hangs on is that it keeps back the "beautiful snow" poems.

ONLY ONE "BROMO QUININE."
That is **LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE**. Look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. Used the World over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 25c.

A great deal is heard of the art of remembering, and but little of the fine art of forgetting.

ALL UP-TO-DATE HOUSEKEEPERS Use Red Cross Ball Blue. It makes clothes clean and sweet as when new. All grocers.

Wine and women may be alike, in some respects, but age improves wine.

It's the judgment of many smokers that Lewis' Single Binder 5c cigar equals in quality most 10c cigars.

A man can't help feeling restless when even his bills are unsettled.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.
For children teething, softens the gums, reduces in-flammation, cures colic, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

The best of plans fall out, and the best of friends get married.

Constipation causes many serious diseases. It is thoroughly cured by Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. One a laxative, three for cathartic.

When you can't tell the truth, don't tell anything.

PUTNAM FADELESS DYES

Color more goods brighter and faster colors than any other dye. One 10c package colors all fibers. They dye in cold water better than any other dye. You can dye any garment without ripping apart. Write for free booklet—How to Dye, Bleach and Mix Colors. **MONROE DRUG CO., Quincy, Illinois.**

Restrained by Politeness.

"Prisoner, have you any reasons to present why the sentence of the court should not be pronounced upon you?"

"No, your honor. I feel as if I should like to say a few words about the defense my lawyer put up for me, but there are ladies present; you can go ahead with the sentence, your honor."

Of a Later Date.

Bess—That's a quaint ring you are wearing. It is an heirloom?
Tess—Well, it dates from the Con-quest.

SUITABLE ARRANGEMENT.



"Can you lend me half a dollar?"
"Sorry, I've only a quarter, and I want that to get my hair cut."
"Good. Give it to me and I'll cut your hair."

A Pessimistic View.

Among the patients in a certain hos-pital of Harrisburg there was recently one disposed to take a dark view of his chances for recovery.

"Cheer up, old man!" admonished the youthful medico attached to the ward wherein the patient lay. "Your symptoms are identical with those of my own case four years ago. I was just as sick as you are. Look at me now!"

The patient ran his eyes over the physician's stalwart frame. "What doctor did you have?" he finally asked, feebly.—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

One Idea of Economy.

"What do you mean when you tell the people they ought to economize?"
"I mean," said Mr. Dustin Stax, "that they ought to go slow in patron-izing most business enterprises in or-der that they may have more money to spend with mine."—Washington Star.

For Colds and Gripp—Capudine.

The best remedy for Gripp and Colds is Hicks' Capudine. Relieves the aching and feverishness. Cures the cold—Headaches also. It's Liquid—Effects immediately—10, 25 and 50c at Drug Stores.

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A pessimist by any other name would be a fault-finder just the same.

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Remember that a sound argument doesn't mean loud talk.

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Following cheap advice is apt to prove expensive.

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Women who suffer with disorders peculiar to their sex should write to Dr. Pierce and receive free the advice of a physician of over 40 years' experience—a skilled and successful specialist in the diseases of women. Every letter of this sort has the most careful consideration and is regarded as sacredly confidential. Many sensitively modest women write fully to Dr. Pierce what they would shrink from telling to their local physician. The local physician is pretty sure to say that he cannot do anything without "an examination." Dr. Pierce holds that these distasteful examinations are generally need-less, and that no woman, except in rare cases, should submit to them.

Dr. Pierce's treatment will cure you right in the privacy of your own home. His "Favorite Prescription" has cured hundreds of thousands, some of them the worst of cases.

It is the only medicine of its kind that is the product of a regularly graduated physician. The only one good enough that its makers dare to print its every ingredient on its outside wrapper. There's no secrecy. It will bear examina-tion. No alcohol and no habit-forming drugs are found in it. Some unscrup-ulous medicine dealers may offer you a substitute. Don't take it. Don't trifle with your health. Write to World's Dispensary Medical Association, Dr. R. V. Pierce, President, Buffalo, N. Y.,—take the advice received and be well.



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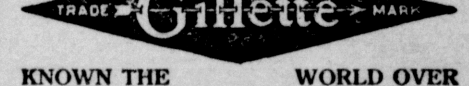
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The Quinta In Spain.

At the age of eighteen every male Spaniard becomes liable to serve either in the army or navy. But the government does not need or cannot afford as many soldiers and sailors as there are young men in the country. The peace footing of the army is only 80,000 and of the navy about 6,000 in a country of which the population is 37,000,000; hence the quinta, or choosing by lot of those who are to serve in the national forces.

The word quinta literally means the selection of every fifth man, or one man out of every five eligibles. The quinta takes place once a year in every town, and all the males resident in the district who have just completed their eighteenth year are called upon to participate. Those whom fortune appoints to serve their country are forthwith drafted into the army or navy.

Exemption may be bought in time of peace, the amount payable being about \$275, but youths approaching the military age frequently leave the country before they are summoned to the quinta. Cuba and the Argentine Republic, both Spanish speaking countries, where work is abundant, are the commonest objectives of the sons of the working classes flying from conscription.—London Answers.

An Inhuman Innovation.

From Vienna comes a new fangle in the stage management of weddings, the crowning of the bride's mother. After the solemn immolation of the bridegroom is over and he has been dragged from the church to the home of the bride to be exhibited there and then before her tedious and innumerable relatives, like some strange monster from the vasty deep or Africa's sunny strand—after this first saturnalia of sneers is over he is handed a wreath of roses, and, while the whole congregation snickers, he must place it upon the head of his mother-in-law. He is expected to do so with a genial smile and some amusing epigram of pleasantry—to feign delight, in a word, in an act of public obeisance to his natural and inveterate foe.

This ingenious device for making weddings more horrible will gain no foothold, we believe, in these fair United States. We are a humane and civilized people, and we have no taste for needless brutality.—Baltimore Sun.

Pol Plancon's Sumptuous Lunch.

The record for sublime, sumptuous and egotistical lunching belongs, it is asserted, to M. Pol Plancon, the grand opera star. The record was established during his last visit here. It is necessary for full understanding of M. Plancon's gastronomic-athletic feat to bear strictly in mind that he always lunches alone.

The complete menu of the record breaking luncheon is now at hand. But the mainstay of it was a fowl from Mantes, costing in France \$5 and by the time it is imported and served in a restaurant in New York at least twice as much. Such a fowl was served to M. Plancon. He ate all of it. The most expensive imported fish, half bottles of the costliest wines and finally several cognacs from a bottle marketing at \$10 the imperial pint rounded off the genial meal. The check was \$35. But, then, M. Plancon is a millionaire and alone in the world.—New York Telegraph.

Sorry He Was Elected.

It may seem impossible, but even one of the successful fusion candidates for justice of the supreme court of New York in the recent election is disappointed over the result, so far as his own victory is concerned. The man in question has a large practice, worth more than the salary of a supreme court justice. When the fusion leaders were looking for candidates he was in the west. They telegraphed him asking whether he would accept the nomination. "Is there any chance of election?" he cross questioned by wire. "None," came the reply. "Then I'll accept," the lawyer telegraphed. He was nominated, and, what is more, he was elected by a good plurality, to his great surprise.—New York Tribune.

The Big Hotel Spenders.

On the broad verandas of the Breakers at Palm Beach in the after plunge hour an average of \$1,000 will be taken in for drinkables. Five o'clock tea at the Plaza hotel in New York is worth about \$700. Last New Year's eve the Knickerbocker hotel took more than \$24,000 through its restaurant. And one of Louis Sherry's waiters, upon oath, estimates his tips at from \$80 to \$100 a week. And these items have their significance. Significant, too, is the number of "big hotel" proprietors who now own country estates. The big hotel is not run at a loss.—Arthur E. McFarlane in Everybody's.

Elephants and Railroads.

Recently two railroad trains in Siam have had encounters with elephants.

In both cases the animals were killed, but in one the train was derailed and six cars were telescoped. It appears that the locomotives had no cowcatchers, for European railroad engineers generally smile at cowcatchers as devices suitable only for what they imagine to be American conditions of traffic. It is now remarked, however, that the American cowcatcher might be very good for stray elephants, and they have been introduced on the large locomotives of the Damascus-Mecca line, anticipating possible collisions with camels.

The busiest and mightiest little thing that ever was made is Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They do the work whenever you require their aid. These tablets change weakness into strength, listlessness into energy, gloominess into joyousness. Their action is so gentle one don't realize they have taken a purgative. Sold by City Drug Store-Man & Simmons.

Same Thing.

A certain Irishman, though a bad jockey, was nevertheless very fond of horses. One day, riding through a street, he was accosted by a would be wit.

"I say, do you know what happened to Balaam?"

"Same as happened to me—an ass spoke to him," came the answer sharp and quick.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is not a common, every-day cough mixture. It is a meritorious remedy for all the troublesome and dangerous complications resulting from cold in the head, throat, chest or lungs. Sold by City Drug Store-Man & Simmons.

A Remarkable Suicide.

One of the most remarkable cases of suicide was that of the king of Falaha, on the west coast of Africa.

The king was attacked by a Mohammedan force, and, finding resistance impossible, he assembled his family and principal officers, and after addressing them and intimating his determination never to accept Mohammedanism and inviting those who did not agree with him to go away he applied a light to a large quantity of gunpowder collected for the purpose and blew into atoms the palace and all who were in it.

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Once a Deer Paddock in Yonkers.

In the early days of the Philippe Manor House at Yonkers, N. Y., a deer paddock was maintained in the rear of the mansion. Sometimes they would escape and swim the Hudson river, disappearing in what is now New Jersey.

Have you a weak throat? If so, you cannot be too careful. You cannot begin treatment too early. Each cold makes you more liable to another and the last is always the harder to cure. If you will take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy at the outset you will be saved much trouble. Sold by City Drug Store-Man & Simmons.

Humility.

St. Peter (to applicant)—What was your business when on earth? Applicant—Editor of a newspaper. St. Peter—Big circulation, of course? Applicant—No, small; smallest in the country. St. Peter—Pick out your harp.—Epoch.

Every Mother

is or should be worried when the little ones have a cough or cold. It may lead to croup or pleurisy or pneumonia—then to something more serious. Ballard's Horehound Syrup will cure the trouble at once and prevent any complication. Sold by Man & Simmons.

A Neglected Apple.

Mrs. Benham—You used to say that I was the apple of your eye. Benham—Well, what of it? Mrs. Benham—Nothing, except that you don't seem to have such a keen relish for fruit as you once did.—Exchange.

Prickly Ash Bitters cures the kidneys, regulates the liver and purifies the bowels. A valuable system tonic. C. B. Gunn.

The Sharp Professor.

"Now," said the medical college professor to the class, "we will proceed to the dissecting room, where the body lies, just ahead."

"I beg your pardon, sir," remarked the fresh student, "but how can it be a body if it's just a head?" "It can't be," replied the professor, beaming benignly over his glasses. "That's the reason I said it lies."

Duty.

Duty is a power which rises with us in the morning and goes to rest with us in the evening.—Gladstone.

The Wistaria.

In China wistaria leaves are eaten and also used in place of tea. The flowers are also eaten.

The Thermometer.

A thermometer the bulb of which contains mercury will not register under 28 degrees F. below zero—that is to say, mercury will freeze at that point. Of course in this country little practical use is found for thermometers showing more than 28 degrees below zero, but in the arctic and antarctic they are essential. Such instruments, however, contain spirits in the bulbs instead of mercury, but even this fluid becomes sluggish when 40 or 50 degrees below zero is recorded, and it will seldom show 60 degrees below.

No cure for Baldness. Physician of National Reputation States That in Rare Cases Baldness is Not a Disease.

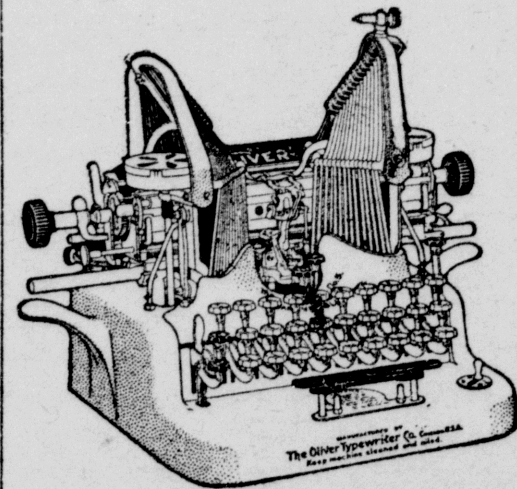
It is a well-known fact that more charlatanism is rampant today on the subject of the scalp and hair than exists concerning any other subject, excepting, perhaps, consumption. Dr. Nott says: "Among the thousands of cases that have passed under my inspection, I have seen but very few authenticated instances where baldness has been successfully treated; of course if there was among the patent medicines anything that would accomplish the result we would know of it and would at least try it. So far as restoring hair to color or promoting the length of the hair, that's another matter. The Q-Ban Hair Restorer, for instance, will restore gray hair to its natural color. I have used it in hundreds of instances without failing in a single case. I have used the Q-Ban Hair Tonic as well, very often and effectually to encourage the growth of a luxuriant crop of hair—to remove dandruff, etc., but I have as yet to record a single case of baldness that has been effectually treated, without having to resort to a general hygienic treatment in connection with standard products, like, for instance, Q-Ban Hair Restorer and the Hair Tonic. I have found them to be very effectual assistants. Dr. Nott admits and insists that to produce a luxuriant growth of hair, to restore gray hairs, cure dandruff and diseased scalps is quite possible by simply observing the laws of health and using Q-Ban Hair Restorer and Tonic, but for baldness there is, as a rule, no cure; although some remarkable exceptions may be noted.

Q-Ban Hair Restorer and Tonic, we understand, can be had now at all druggists, put up ready for use with full directions given as to the application. Man & Simmons recommend and sell these preparations. If you are gray haired or your hair is commencing to fade you can have the first 50c bottle of Q-Ban Hair Restorer free, simply call and ask for it. For sale at all druggists.

Refused It.

He—You owe me ten kisses. Pay up. She—Explain, sir. He—I won them. You know very well I wagered a dozen gloves against ten kisses and won. I—She—Oh, but kisses, you know—He (firmly)—Kisses should be paid just as religiously as any other debt. She (thoughtfully)—Just the same as a note? He—Yes. She—Or a check? He—Yes. She—Or—or a draft? He—Certainly. She—Then, you poor fellow, I'll give you a draft on mamma. (He never smiled again.)—Exchange.

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A wild Blizzard Raging

brings danger, suffering—often death—to thousands, who take colds, coughs and lagrippe—that terror of Winter and Spring. Its danger signals are "stuffed up," nostrils, lower part of nose sore, chills and fever, pain in back of head, and a throat-gripping cough. When grip attacks, as you value your life, don't delay getting Dr. King's New Discovery. "One bottle cured me," writes A. L. Dunn, of Pine Valley, Miss., "after being laid up three weeks with grip." For sore lungs, hemorrhages, coughs, colds, whooping cough, bronchitis, asthma, its supreme. 50c \$1.00. Guaranteed by Man & Simmons.

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